



## JOBS FOR MONTANA'S GRADUATES

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# JMG News

EDUCATION FOR LIFE!

JANUARY 2013

## Career Specialist Winter Training

February 5-6 at the Gateway Center in Helena, MT

### Hotel Information:

**The Red Lion Colonial Hotel has a block of rooms under JMG for \$83/night++ – call 443-2100 to reserve your room by January 18.**

**DEADLINE**  
**JANUARY 10 to**  
**send RSVP form**  
**Contact Lucille**  
**Thomason at**  
**444-2534 or**  
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### Training Details:

**Location:** The Gateway Center, Helena

**Date and Times:**

High School - February 5, 11:30am to February 6, 1pm

Middle School - February 6, 8am to 3:30pm

**Agenda:** High school specialists will get CDC updates and hear about an interactive achievement game for their students. Both high school and middle school specialists will enjoy a presentation from JAG trainer Julie Ray about the JAG National perspective; she will stay to work with middle school specialists in the afternoon.



JAG National trainer Julie Ray will be presenting to teachers at training.

*\*The RSVP form and detailed information about training was sent in December. Refer to your materials for more info. We look forward to seeing you!\**

## JAG Smith Scholarship

Jobs for America's Graduates is again sponsoring the Smith Scholarship. The minimum award is \$1000 for high school seniors. Current Smith Scholars (students who were awarded the scholarship last year) may also reapply.

**DUE March 1, 2013**

Scholarship details were sent out in December and are also posted on the JMG website here: <http://wsd.dli.mt.gov/jmg/specialistlogin.asp>

## DATABASE REMINDER:

e-NDMS DATABASE ENTRY:

- \* Model services
- \* Profiles entered for any new students
- \* 2012 senior follow-ups including job and school placement – remember the Montana minimum wage increased to \$7.80 on January 1

**Due February 15**

**JMG High Schools: Make Plans to Attend this Year's**

## Career Development Conference

**April 30 & May 1, 2013**

### New Location & Venue

Missoula, Hilton Garden Inn

Phone: 532-5300

### Conference Overflow

Courtyard by Marriott

Phone: 549-5260

Each specialist is responsible for making their own accommodations, which includes travel, lodging and some meals

**Hotel Rooms:** The block of rooms has been set at each hotel. Please make your reservations ASAP! When making your reservations, tell the hotel that you will be staying for JMG's Career Development Conference (CDC) and try to get your room block together.

**\*You will only have until March 30<sup>th</sup> to make your room reservations\***

**Fundraising:** If your JMG program is getting low on funds, make plans **NOW** to fundraise to help offset conference costs.

More information regarding this year's conference will be discussed at this year's **Career Specialist Winter Training on February 5-6.**

If you have any questions, contact Jim Lambert at 444-3354.

## The Scoop Around the State

Thank you to those who responded when asked what your JMG classes have been doing!

Read on for great ideas and projects from programs across Montana.

**Belgrade Middle School:** Held a Cancer Walk and Barbeque in November which raised awareness and over \$200.76 for Cancer Support Community Montana; students/volunteers participated in a walk, barbecue, and activities at Lions Park. The Belgrade News published an article about the planning and preparation for the event and channel 7 news was at the event and interviewed several students and the instructor; the story was broadcast in Bozeman and Butte on both the 6pm and 10pm newscasts.



*Above: Belgrade Middle School students participating in their Cancer Walk.*

**Butte High School:** The director of the United Way of Butte spoke during class and then students volunteered for "Dumpster Days," a United Way event where people bring their recyclables to designated locations; students manned a site where they unloaded vehicles, separated recyclables, and loaded trucks to take items to A&S Metals. Over 117 volunteer hours went into the event and 22,655 pounds of garbage did not end up in the local landfill! Another guest speaker was the chairman of Butte Cares Inc. which encourages teens to live chemical free and make healthy lifestyle choices. Students volunteered for the Butte Cares Helping Hands Clothing Drive by sponsoring a collection site at Butte High School to bring in clothing for teens in the community. For the BHS I & I Ceremony, over 100 guests were present and were treated to a BBQ lunch made possible by local business donations.

**Capital High School:** Increased awareness about bullying by supporting the National "Be a Buddy Day" by making commercials to be broadcasted over the television in the front lobby, hanging posters, and making announcements. On the National "Be a Buddy Day" the morning was spent with the special education class playing games, eating donuts, and making new friends. Also helping with monthly "Find Your Spot" Campaign sponsored by Youth Connections. Students do announcements over the intercom, hang up new posters each month, and hand out shirts to the student body.

**Cascade High School:** Hosted a blood drive, implemented Badger Buddies (peer mentoring program two days a week), and "ungrinchified" the school by decorating the school for the holidays!

**Culbertson High School:** Organized the first Veterans' Day program held at Culbertson in over 18 years and honored our veterans with window decorations in downtown windows, made a flag for the Christmas fence, adopted 15 local soldiers by sending cards, letters, and Christmas packages to them, participated in Operation Christmas Shoe Box by packing gifts for children in third world countries, and worked with the student council during Drug Prevention and Bully Prevention Week. Currently volunteering time before lunch to help clean up after elementary students, working at the Food Bank and gathering personal items for those who frequent there, reading to elementary students, and assisting special needs students. Fundraising includes working with the Red Cross for the victims of Hurricane Sandy, selling bulbs in memory or to honor service men and women, "Maple Stick Monday" where we sell maple sticks, and making spirit scarves. Also working on resumes/cover letters to attend Career Day at Nemont Telephone Cooperative in Scobey, beginning scholarship applications and competitive events for CDC, and a cooking unit including how to prepare a shopping list, find supplies needed and baking.

**Dawson County High School:** Decorated a couple trees that were donated to the Festival of Trees. The girls decorated one in bright colors and the boys did a hunting/fishing tree.

**Dutton/Brady Middle School:** Completed job shadow project which included researching interests on MCIS, narrowing down strongest cluster and looking up in the phone book potential job shadow opportunities. Practiced making phone calls and writing business letters. Students brainstormed at least fifteen questions for their mentor, called to confirm visit, showed up prepared to learn from the mentor, and afterward wrote thank you notes and a summary report of their job shadow. Very rewarding and one of the top highlights of their JMG class.

## More Scoop!

**Helena High School:** Became members of David's Army; David Reed is a 7 year old Helena elementary student who was recently diagnosed with Leukemia. Planned events throughout the year to help with David's medical expenses including selling wristbands, root beer floats, 50/50 tickets, concessions, having a hat day and a free throw challenge, working with a local restaurant to have an evening for David and sending care packages to him. Participated in the Festival of Trees and also applied and was selected for the *Power to Learn Optimum Education Initiative*, a charity competition which promotes volunteerism and helps students raise money for a charity of their choice.

**Lodge Grass High School:** Attended the JMG Bridger Career Fair in November and helped our counselors schedule a Career Fair at our own school in December.

**Malta High School:** Created the "Twelve Days of Christmas" for three students, two whose family members are in Afghanistan and another for a student who recently had terrible health issues. For the twelve

days of Christmas each student picked a number from 1-12. On number one that person brings one thing to place in a gift bag and you sneak the present to the recipient. Each following day has that number of items in the bag (the 12<sup>th</sup> day has 12 items). The last day we sent a card with all your names on it and tell them who their secret santa is.

**Medicine Lake High School:** Planned a Christmas party for the last school day before Christmas break for the K-6 in the morning and then games and a movie for grades 7 – 12 in the afternoon. Also sold candy canes for "Christmas Candygrams," decorated the high school halls, and put up the Christmas tree by the front entry.

**Plenty Coups High School:** Before Thanksgiving students went to Billings and helped a local radio station with boxing food for a food drive; one student was inspired by the food drive and put on his own food drive locally for Christmas. Also invited the MADD group to do a presentation about drinking and driving for the school and currently working on public speaking.

**Sidney High School:** Made Thanksgiving food baskets and Operation Christmas Child boxes, helped with Kids First Carnival, participated in drive-by raking, designed two trees for Richland County Parade of Trees, worked with the Food Bank Drive, and contributed items for Children's Christmas Shopping Event. Also working on the Elk's Most Valuable Student Scholarship, post-secondary preparation portfolio, CAPS/COPS/COPES testing, resumes, and leadership training and activities.

**Whitefish High School:** Finished resumes, career searches, and are on to career mapping. Had several employers from the community come in for career talks. Made cookies to take to the local nursing home/ VFW and put in time at the food bank. Took over the school store and held holiday sales to sell old inventory and push new inventory.

**White Sulphur Springs Schools:** Toured Showdown Ski Area and learned about all the professions it takes to operate a large business.

**Wolf Point Middle School:** Visited nursing home for Thanksgiving, made posters to welcome parents and cleaned up halls for Parent-Teacher Conferences, discussed strengths/weaknesses/likes/dislikes and what kind of job students would enjoy and excel in based on personality traits, and created career power points and shared with class. Also discussed making a difference in our community and how one person can have a big impact; watched "Pay it Forward" and had students develop a project to make a difference in our community for Christmas.



Above: Helena High's Jordan Umsted, Tory Umsted, Bradley Shepherd and Nolan Cavanaugh pose with their tree.

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